

The Wisest Woman

DECREASE IS SHOWN IN COAL OUTPUT OF LATE

BUT AVERAGE FOR YEAR SO FAR IS HOLDING UP.

Review of Bituminous Conditions Reported to The Sun Through Statistician At Washington, D. C.—Makers of Coke Throughout East Are Showing Some Better Output.

Correspondence The Sun.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 21.—The production of bituminous coal during the week ended October 12th is estimated at 12,221,000 net tons, a decrease compared with the week preceding of 273,000 net tons or 2.2 per cent, but an increase over the corresponding week of last year of 1,317,000 net tons or 12 per cent. The average production per working day during the current week is estimated at 2,655,000 net tons, as compared with 2,695,000 net tons during the week of October 5th, and 2,624,000 net tons during the week of October 12, 1917. Bituminous coal production during the month of September, 1918, is estimated at 31,687,831 net tons, and exceeds production during the same month of 1917 by 6,573,973 net tons or 11.4 per cent. September production, limited first by loss of time on Labor Day, second, loss of time on Registration Day, and third, by the short month, was approximately 4,600,000 net tons less than production during either July or August, and fell slightly below the production of June, but exceeded all records prior to June 1918.

For the first six months of the calendar year 1918, production of bituminous coal is estimated at 212,282,414 net tons, as against 214,527,172 net tons during the same period of 1917 or an increase of 27,745,242 net tons or 12.7 per cent. The requirements during these first six months of the calendar year 1918, however, exceeded the production during those months of last year by 48,448,825 net tons, so that even with the large increase production during the first half year fell 11,789,588 net tons or 3.7 per cent behind the estimated requirements.

Production for the first nine months of the calendar year of 1918 is estimated at 317,985,672 net tons, an increase over the same nine months of last year of 26,179,782 net tons or 8.7 per cent. This tremendous increase over last year was really brought in August and September, the increase during this period amounting to 24,274,683 net tons or 17.4 per cent, and more than doubled the improvement that occurred during the first six months of the calendar year, the increase during this period over last year amounting to but 11,945,102 net tons or 4.4 per cent.

For the week ended October 12, 1918, production of anthracite is estimated at 1,955,000 net tons, a decrease of 4.7 per cent compared with the week of October 5th. The daily average during the current week of 226,000 net tons was lower than the daily average for the coal year to date during either 1918 or 1917. Total production for the coal year to date now amounts to 23,658,000 net tons compared with 24,683,909 net tons for 1917, an increase of 3.8 per cent.

Working Conditions.

Analyses of working conditions the country over as reported by the operators of six thousand six hundred and twenty-four mines with a total production of 11,013,237 net tons and present working capacity of 12,317,419 tons during the week ended October 5th show the operators reporting produced approximately 35 per cent of the total estimated output, such mines being operated at 85.2 per cent during the week ended September 28th. Losses of time attributed to car shortage remained constant during the week at 5.5 per cent, losses attributed to labor shortage of 1.8 per cent were slightly greater than the losses reported during the week preceding, while slightly less time was lost on account of mine disability.

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Production of Coke.

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Operating conditions in the by-product industry during the week ended October 12th were approxi-

CARBON COUNTY MORE THAN DOUBLED QUOTA

Below is given in tabulated form the returns of the fourth Liberty loan drive in Carbon county and forwarded to Heber J. Grant, state chairman, during the week by Carl H. Marquess, local chairman in charge of the campaign. From the table it will be seen that Carbon county exceeded twice its quota by \$19,299. Of its population 47.7 per cent are subscribers. Every community in the county with the exception of five is entitled to at least one star on the county's honor flag.

Product.	Population	Number of Subscribers	Average Net	Amount Raised	Per Cent of Quota
Ameron	399	126	\$2,250.00	\$2,250.00	**
Arden	149	75	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	**
Arrowsville	36	12	\$50.00	\$50.00	**
Carlisle	3,952	590	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	**
Clear Creek	372	177	\$12,000.00	\$22,000.00	**
Harper	40	25	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	**
Hedges	1,209	447	\$2,500.00	\$12,000.00	**
Hughes	1,560	545	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	**
Kentwood	309	197	\$5,000.00	\$25,000.00	**
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Ridgefield	690	219	\$2,250.00	\$2,250.00	**
Spring Glen	236	58	\$2,250.00	\$2,250.00	**
Standardville	529	385	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	**
Stevens	608	258	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	**
Sunnyside	2,429	883	\$2,000.00	\$101,650.00	**
Utah Mine	87	44	\$2,250.00	\$550.00	**
Wattie	140	127	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	**
Wellington	509	61	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	**
Winter Quarters	625	236	\$2,000.00	\$18,750.00	**
Peerless	100	92	\$2,250.00	\$2,000.00	**
Liberty-Latona	52	47	\$2,250.00	\$2,250.00	**

You will observe that \$5,200.00 more is reported through these channels than the county makes claim to," says Chairman Marquess. "At the conclusion of Volunteer Day I reported that Carbon county had subscribed \$199,900, though that amount was not in bank. You will understand that in communities like Sunnyside, where employees permit payment of their subscription by deductions from their monthly salary, it was not possible to record them through the bank. However, these subscriptions were as valid as though they had been in a bank."

If any county in the twelfth federal reserve district has made a better record in the amount raised and the per capita subscribing I should like to be advised. I want to write a letter of congratulation to chairmen. The results in Carbon county are due to the response of a patriotic and liberty-loving lot of citizens whose efforts were directed by those valiant men and women whom I commend to you and recommend that each receive from you a letter of appreciation."

Chairman Marquess then names T. J. Farnley, Winter Quarters; Andrew Hood and R. W. Crane, Ridgefield; William Littlepage, Joseph Parmer and J. R. Thompson, Coal City; Dr. F. H. Skopanek, Helper; E. C. Lovestad, Ewell; Miss Beretta Marling, Carbonville; A. J. Lee, W. E. Anderson and Miss Leona Jensen, Price; A. L. Lemmer, Wellington; W. N. Wizard, Standardville; H. C. Henning, Clear Creek; W. J. Elwood, Kentwood; George M. Beckstead, Standardville; A. E. Gibson, Stevens; H. Y. Olson, Cameron; Thomas T. Lamb, Hains; George H. Schultz, Liberty; H. P. Massey, Wattie; Emile Ostrand, Utah Mine; J. H. Pettit, Carbon; Robert Howard, Peerless; H. H. Magraw, Hawawatha; and A. S. Thompson, Harper.

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Material improvement occurred during the week in Minnesota and New Jersey. In the former state the improvement is attributed to other causes, while in New Jersey, a better supply of byproduct coal and repairs to plants brought about increased production. Maryland was the lone state reporting falling off in production and is attributed by the operators to labor shortage.

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